

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 27-43 are pending in this application.

Claims 5, 13 and 21 were objected to due to informalities.

Claims 1-4, 7-12, 15, 17-20, 23 and 25-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,275,945 issued to Tsuji et al (hereinafter referred to as "Tsuji").

Claims 5, 13 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being considered unpatentable over Tsuji in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,463,396 issued to Nishigaki (hereinafter referred to as "Nishigaki").

Claims 6, 14, 16, 22 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being considered unpatentable over Tsuji in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,453,378 issued to Olson et al (hereinafter referred to as "Olson").

No claims have been amended.

Claims 1-26 have been cancelled.

Claims 27-43 have been added to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that which Applicant regards as the invention. No new matter has been added.

Objections to Claims 5, 13 and 21

The Examiner has objected to claims 5, 13 and 21 due to informalities regarding the use of the article "a" versus "the" in referring to an external connector of a portable computer system. Applicant has cancelled all of these claims, thereby obviating this objection. However, Applicant has sought to correct similar possible instances of such an informality in the newly presented claims.

35 U.S.C. §102(e) Rejection of Claims 1-4, 7-12, 15, 17-20, 23 and 25-26

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 7-12, 15, 17-20, 23 and 25-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being considered to be anticipated by Tsuji. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-4, 7-12, 15, 17-20, 23 and 25-26 thereby obviating this rejection of these claims.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 26 is not anticipated by Tsuji, because Tsuji does not teach each and every element of Applicant's invention as claimed. Specifically, despite the assertion in the Office Action of a feature of at least one component being enabled, such as the ability to run programs, when a portable computer is being cooled as taught in Tsuji, Applicant is unable to find any mention in Tsuji of such an enabling of a feature of a component as a result of additional cooling being provided.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 26 is patentably distinguished over Tsuji. Although Applicant has cancelled claim 26, the limitations of claim 26 have been incorporated into newly presented claims 37 and 43.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection of Claims 5, 13 and 21

The Examiner has rejected claims 5, 13 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsuji in view of Nishigaki. Applicant has cancelled claims 5, 13 and 21 thereby obviating this rejection of these claims.

However, to establish prima facie obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. In re Royka, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974). (MPEP 2143.03). Applicant respectfully submits that neither Tsuji or Nishigaki teach or suggest all the features of Applicant's invention as claimed. As acknowledged in the Office Action, Tsuji does not teach a second connector that replicates an external connector of a portable computer system where an external device may be attached to the computer cooler to pass signals of the external connector of the portable computer to the external device, but the Office Action went on to assert that such a replication of an external connector of a portable computer system is taught in Nishigaki, making specific reference to connector 28 in Nishigaki. Applicant respectfully draws the Examiner's attention to the paragraph at lines 14-23 of column 13 of Nishigaki (which precedes the paragraph cited in the Office Action) where it is explained that connector 28 of the computer cooler of Nishigaki is positioned and intended to mate with an external connector of a portable computer, and not to replicate an external connector of a portable computer as asserted in the Office Action.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5, 13 and 21 are patentably distinguished over any combination of Tsuji and Nishigaki. Although Applicant has cancelled claims 5, 13 and 21, the limitations of these claims have been incorporated into newly presented claims.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection of Claim 6, 14, 16, 22 and 24

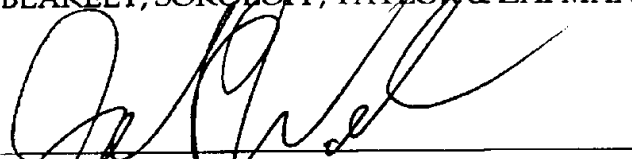
The Examiner has rejected claims 6, 14, 16, 22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being considered to be unpatentable over Tsuji in view of Olson. Applicant has cancelled claims 6, 14, 16, 22 and 24, thereby obviating this rejection of these claims.

Condition for Allowance

Applicant submits that with cancellation of the original claims and the addition of new claims that more particularly point out and distinctly claim that which Applicant regards as the invention, all rejections have been overcome and the present application is now in condition for allowance. If there are any additional charges or shortages related to the present communication, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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